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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**TO OPPOSE ANTISEMITISM IN ALL OF ITS  
FORMS, AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF  
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE, RACISM AND  
DISCRIMINATION**

WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded in part on a search for religious freedom, with the Pilgrims and others coming to the New World to escape a state-run church and observe the religion of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Tolerance of another’s religious beliefs is one of the core principles of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;” and

WHEREAS, Antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, affiliation or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, Father-of-the-Constitution and future president James Madison said, “The religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of everyman; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate”; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand have a sizeable Jewish community which is actively involved in the daily life of the city and contributes significantly to the social, economic, educational and artistic fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Myrtle Beach gladly accepted and installed the Butterfly Memorial, a remembrance of the Holocaust and the millions of Jewish and other lives lost during World War II, at the Grand Park Athletic Complex; and

WHEREAS, The City of Myrtle Beach commits to countering antisemitism and hate through engagement with civic and community leaders and by cultivating an inclusive, just and respectful community that values our diversity, celebrates our individuality and works to ensure equitable opportunities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City of Myrtle Beach hereby unequivocally rejects antisemitism, along with other forms of racism, religious intolerance and discrimination, both here and around the world, and welcomes people of all religions and faiths – or none at all – to our community as residents, businesspeople and visitors, in keeping with the religious freedoms expressed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 13th day of December 2022.

ATTEST:

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK